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TAGS: CENTO, MPOL

SUBJECT:IRANIAN PROPOSAL FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION DURING  
MIDLINK 75

1. IRANIAN REP AT PRELIMINARY PLANNING MEETING EARLY JUNE  
FOR ANNUAL CENTO MARITIME EXERCISE, MIDLINK 75, REQUESTED  
APPROVAL OF OTHER REPS FOR INCLUSION OF ALL-IRANIAN AMPHIB-  
IOUS OPERATION AS PART OF MIDLINK SCENARIO. OVERALL  
SCENARIO INVOLVES PROTECTION OF CONVOY MOVING FROM ARABIAN  
SEA THROUGH STRAIT OF HORMUZ INTO PERSIAN GULF. PROPOSED  
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WOULD TAKE PLACE AT LARAK ISLAND, OFF  
BANDAR ABBAS OR NEAR PORT OF JASK ON GULF OF OMAN. PAK,  
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TURK, AND UK REPS AGREED TO PROPOSAL. US REP CORRECTLY

RESERVED HIS POSITION.

2. WE DO NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED AT THIS TIME WITH AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION UNDER CENTO SPONSORSHIP IN OR NEAR PERSIAN GULF, WHICH COULD BE SEEN BY SOME ARAB COUNTRIES AS LINKED TO ALLEGED US CONTINGENCY PLANNING WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION TO SEIZE OIL FACILITIES. ISSUE NOW IS HOW TO DETACH OPERATION FROM MIDLINK.

3. NEXT MIDLINK PLANNING SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13-29 AT BANDAR ABBAS. WE HAVE IN MIND THAT US REP SHOULD TAKE

POSITION THAT AS PROPOSED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WOULD INVOLVE ONLY IRANIAN FORCES IT NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN CENTO MULTILATERAL SCENARIO AND DOES NOT NEED APPROVAL OF OTHER MIDLINK PARTICIPANTS; DECISION WOULD BE FOR GOI TO MAKE.

4. WE CANNOT EVALUATE FROM HERE DEGREE OF HIGH LEVEL IMPETUS BEHIND IRANIAN PROPOSAL OR EXTENT TO WHICH OTHER PARTICIPANTS ARE COMMITTED TO OPERATION BY THEIR REPS' APPROVAL DURING PRELIMINARY PLANNING SESSION. INFORMAL PREPARATORY WORK THROUGH CENTO MILITARY CHANNELS IN ANKARA OR BILATERAL CONTACTS IN TEHRAN (AND PERHAPS LONDON) MIGHT HELP AVOID NEGATIVE REACTION TO OUR RESPONSE AT BANDAR ABBAS MEETING. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON BEST APPROACH TO PREPARE GROUND FOR OUR RESPONSE OR EVEN ENCOURAGE QUIET IRANIAN WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL BEFORE MEETING. KISSINGER

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